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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS

SUBJECT : Salaries for Senior Officials of the Department of State

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday approved a bill to increase the salaries of certain senior officials of the Department of State.

Under this legislation the salary of the Under Secretary of State would be increased from \$17,500 per annum to \$21,500 per annum. Positions for three Deputy Under Secretaries of State would be created at \$20,500 per annum and the salaries of the ten Assistant Secretaries of State would be raised from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per annum. The bill would also contain the present provision ranking the Legal Adviser and Counselor of the Department as Assistant Secretaries with salaries at \$20,000 per annum.

At present the Department has ten Assistant Secretaries of State two of which are designated as Deputy Under Secretaries after confirmation as Assistant Secretaries. Under the new proposal there will be created three statutory positions of Deputy Under Secretaries.

Mr. Brown the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations informs me that this bill was pushed through solely on the initiative of Senator Mansfield and over the opposition of the Department of State. The Department felt itself bound by the Bureau of the Budget's desire to put all executive salaries in one pay act and not have each department get up for piece-meal relief. However, Senator Mansfield stated that he did not feel bound by the Bureau of the Budget; that the Judiciary Committees had taken care of salary increases for the Department of Justice and that the Foreign Relations Committee should show its support of the Department of State in like manner. Mr. Brown believes that the bill will remain bottled-up on the Senate calendar, but that when the

Administration sends up an Executive pay bill (which will be referred to the committee on Civil Service) the Foreign Relations Committee can then make their views known to the Civil Service Committees in support of these figures.

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